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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH KING HUSSEIN

SUMMARY: IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW CARRIED BY INDEPENDENT
DAILY AL BAYRAQ MAR 16, KING HUSSEIN INSISTED ON MAINTAINING
SOVEREIGNTY OVER EAST JERUSALEM IN ANY ME PEACE SETTLEMENT,
REPEATED HIS REJECTION OF PARTIAL SETTLEMENT, OUTLINED CONDITIONS
FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND COMMENTED ON HIS VISIT TO
WASHINGTON, KHARTOUM OPERATION, ABOU DAUD AND JORDANIAN-
LEBANESE RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

IN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY BAYRAQ OWNER- EDITOR MILHEM HARAM,
KING HUSSEIN LISTED THREE POINTS GUIDING HIS EFFORTS TOWARD
PEACEFUL ME SETTLEMENT: (A) SOLUTION MUST BE ACCEPTED BY " ALL
PARTIES CONCERNED"; (B) IT MUST FULFILL PRINCIPLES OF SC RES 242;
AND (C) JORDAN CANNOT GIVE UP RIGHT TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER OCCUPIED
ARAB JERUSALEM. SAID LATTER BELONGS " NOT ONLY TO US BUT TO ALL
MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS IN WORLD" AND " THERE CAN BE NO PEACE
WITHOUT RESTROATION OF OUR FULL RIGHTS IN JERUSALEM". ADDED:
" WE BELIEVE IN COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION AND REJECT PARTIAL SETTLE-
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MENTS. WHAT HAPPENED IN 1967 DID NOT CONCERN US ALONE, AND THAT IS WHY WE SEEK COORDINATE WITH OUR ARAB BROTHERS".

2. KING DENIED HAVING MET GOLDA MEIR IN WASHINGTON AND SAID GOJ WOULD AGREE TO CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL " VIA THE UN" ONLY IF GOI ACCEPTS PRINCIPLES OF SC RES 242. SAW NO REASON FOR GOJ MAKE ANY PEACE MOVES UNTIL ISRAEL' S POSITION CHANGES. SAID HE HAD NOT LOST HOPE IN US AND SETTLEMENT EFFORTS, AND HOPED " QUIET DIPLOMACY" WOULD ENABLE SUCH EFFORTS MAKE PROGRESS IN FUTURE.

3. HUSSEIN DISCLOSED HIS DECISION COMMUTE DEATH SENTENCES ON ABU DAUD AND CO. WAS MADE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND IN RESPONSE APPEALS FROM ARAB LEADERS, AND NOT IN EXPECTATION THAT FEDAYEEN WOULD AGREE TO HIS TERMS AS EXPRESSED TO AMIR OF KUWAIT. SAID HE HAD NO PERSONAL GRUDGE AGAINST ABU DAUD, WHO HAD RECEIVED FAIR TRIAL. WONDERED WHETHER OTHER ARAB GOVTS WOULD HAVE REACTED SO STRONGLY IF ABU DAUD' S OPERATION HAD SUCCEEDED

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POINTED OUT IT WOULD HAVE HARMED ONLY JORDAN, NOT ISRAEL. CHARGED FEDAYEEN ACTIVITIES SERVED ONLY INTENSIFY INTER- ARAB DISPUTES, AND ASKED: " HAS FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT BEEN CREATED TO DISRUPT ARAB WORLD?"

4. KING CONDEMNED KHARTOUM OPERATION NOTING IT DIVERTED WORLD ATTENTION FROM LIBYAN AIRLINER INCIDENT WHICH HAD CAUSED GREAT CONCERN AND EMBARRASSMENT AMONG AMERICAN JEWS. SAID HE DISTURBED BY JORDAN' S ISOLATION FROM OTHER ARABS, BUT VOICED FIRM CONFIDENCE IN LOYALTY HIS ARMY. DENIED EXISTENCE ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND CP HASSAN, AND REMARKED THAT LEBANESE TREATMENT OF JORDANIAN MILATT HAD BEEN " HARSH AND UNJUSTIFIED".
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